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SUBJECT: UPCOMING ASEAN FONMIN MEETING IN PATTAYA

SUMMARY: MFA OFFICIAL MAR 30 SAID GOM HAS NOT YET BEEN NOTIFIED WHETHER OBSERVERS INVITED TO UPCOMING ASEAN FONMINS MEETING. HE REVEALED POLITICAL AGENDA ITEMS WOULD INCLUDE INDONESIAN REPORT ON PARIS CONFERENCE AND ICCS ACTIVITIES, DISCUSSION OF CONVENING ASIAN FORUM AND POSSIBLY RELATIONS WITH CHINA. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAZALI ISMAIL MAR 30 TOLD EMBOFF THAILAND HAS NOT YET INFORMED GOM WHETHER OTHER SEA NATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED OBSERVE APRIL 16-17 ASEAN SESSION IN PATTAYA. HE SAID HOST COUNTRY HAS RIGHT TO INVITE OBSERVERS AND CITED 1969 AND 1972 CASES, BUT ADDED THAT HOST COUNTRY ALSO HAD OBLIGATION TO INFORM OTHERS OF INVITATIONS. RAZALI SUSPECTS THAIS HAVE TAKEN SOUNDINGS AND EXPECTS GOM TO BE INFORMED OF RESULTS SOON.

2. RAZALI REVEALED THAT PATTAYA MEETING WOULD BE IN TWO PARTS, WITH MOST OF TWO DAY SESSION DEVOTED TO TRADITIONAL
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ASEAN CONCERNS IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS. ONLY ABOUT HALF DAY WOULD BE DEVOTED TO POLITICAL ITEMS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE REPORT BY INDONESIANS ON PARIS CONFERENCE AND ICCS ACTIVITIES, DISCUSSION OF CONVENING EXPANDED ASIAN FORUM, INVOLVING THE 10 SEA NATIONS, AND PERHAPS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

3. ON ASIAN FORUM, RAZALI SAID GOM VIEWS WILLINGNESS OF HANOI TO ATTEND AS DECISIVE FACTOR TO REALIZATION OF MEETING. AT FEBRUARY SESSION MALAYSIA TOLD COLLEAGUES THAT IF DRV REFUSED TO ATTEND, MEETING WOULD LOSE RAISON D' ETRE AND TAKE ON COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE IDEOLOGICAL TINGE. IN REPLY TO EMBOFF QUERY, RAZALI SAID GOM STILL HAD NO INDICATION OF HANOI' S ATTITUDE TOWARD FORUM IDEA.
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